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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lot Geovanny Mendoza-Torres, 21, of Watertown, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 12 months in federal prison for illegally re-entering the United States after having previously been deported. Mendoza-Torres pleaded guilty to this charge on January 8, 2008.

Mendoza-Torres was deported in October 2005 following a conviction in Jefferson County for fourth degree sexual assault. On September 6, 2007, officers with the Watertown Police Department arrested Mendoza-Torres in response to a domestic disturbance.

The charges against Mendoza-Torres were the result of an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with the assistance of the Watertown Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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